



Biography

Air Mobility Command

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COLONEL ERIC J. WILBUR



Colonel Eric J. Wilbur is the commander, 43rd Mission Support Group Pope Air Force Base, N.C. He provides leadership and direction for 1,584 personnel assigned to eight squadrons. The group is responsible for creating combat power by providing the support services and resources necessary to launch and recover 82 C-130 and A-10 aircraft in addition to transient aircraft. The group sustains combat power by managing, preparing and supporting 5,500 base personnel; providing maintenance and repair of \$784 million in facilities and infrastructure; and resourcing parts and equipment. Finally, the group protects combat power through the protection of personnel, facilities, infrastructure and equipment from both natural disasters and enemy actions. Additionally, the group provides housing, recreation, and security services to more than 12,000 personnel and family members and 12,000 retirees. Colonel Wilbur serves as Environmental Protection Committee Chair, Emergency On-scene Commander, Base Magistrate, and wing representative for Close Watch Airlift missions.

Colonel Wilbur was commissioned in April 1983 through the Air Force Officer Training School. A career civil engineer, he has served in several base-level positions to include two as a squadron commander. He has also served at a MAJCOM and Unified Command Headquarters.

EDUCATION:

- 1982 Bachelor of Science degree, construction engineering, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- 1988 Master of Science in Engineering degree, construction systems, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.
- 1989 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1995 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2001 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1983 – April 1985, readiness and logistics officer and chief of service contracts, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

2. April 1985 – April 1986, chief of resources and requirements/deputy base civil engineer, 5071st Air Base Squadron, King Salmon Airport, Alaska
3. April 1986 – May 1988, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.
4. May 1988 – September 1993, chief, Resource Management Branch and chief, Environmental Engineering Flight, 351st Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.
5. September 1993 – June 1994, chief, Family Housing Engineering Branch, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illi.
6. June 1994 – June 1995, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. June 1995 – July 1988, chief, Theater Construction Branch, Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
8. July 1998 – August 2000, commander, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
9. August 2000 – June 2001, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2001 – June 2003, commander, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
11. June 2003 – July 2004, director, Construction Management Office, U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
12. July 2004 – present, commander, 43rd Mission Support Group, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

The Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
 National Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with star device
 1992 Air Combat Command Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award for Individual Excellence
 1992 State of Missouri Resource Steward Award for Outstanding Contribution to Natural Resource Protection
 1993 Air Combat Command National Society of Professional Engineers Military Federal Engineer of the Year

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Professional Engineer, State of Missouri
 Registered Environmental Manager, National Registry of Environmental Professionals

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Apr 1, 1983
First Lieutenant	Apr 1, 1985
Captain	Apr 1, 1987
Major	Mar 1, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	Sep 1, 1998
Colonel	May 1, 2004

(Current as of December 04)